



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

April 1, 2009

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Polar Bear Project wrapped up last week. Thank you to Jamie Spencer and Katherine Waters Clark for spearheading this year's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Growing Up and Reaching Out Project and to everyone who contributed to the cause. The Mentor Recognition and Sharing Night is this Thursday. This is a special evening where 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their mentors will have an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. It is a fun evening open to all families and a great opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families to see what they have to look forward to next year.

Next Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. is our **Volunteer Recruitment Open House** followed by our April LSPA Meeting. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in becoming more involved in the LSPA to learn more about the various committees. We have a great group of volunteers this year who have worked tirelessly to keep the LSPA events and programs running smoothly and are now beginning to look for volunteers to continue these programs next year. We will also have a special presentation by Paul DeBenedictis' class on how they have been using the Activiboard that the LSPA funded this year. We hope to see you there

—Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

### CALENDAR

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mentor Night  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:** Volunteer  
recruitment Open House and  
monthly LSPA meeting (8:30am)

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:** No School – Good  
Friday holiday

**April 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>:** No School – April  
Vacation

### MENTOR SHARING AND RECOGNITION EVENING

This Thursday, April 2, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., please come celebrate and learn from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who participated in this year's Mentor Program. Students will

show their work done with experts in the community in interests ranging from broadcasting to yoga. The event will take place in the cafeteria and gym.

### IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving On Ceremony**

is now:

**Thurs., June 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:45 pm**

Please mark your calendars!

### PEANUT BUTTER IS BACK!!

Peanut butter and jelly and peanut butter and fluff sandwiches are once again available for lunch.

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS

It's a Winchester tradition for all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choruses from Winchester to come together for an evening of choral singing at Winchester High School Auditorium. This annual Spring Sing Fling is a wonderful opportunity for the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to hear and be heard. This year's concert will feature High School Octets and Chamber Singers who will sing a combined number with the elementary choruses. The concert will take place on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 pm. Students should arrive at WHS Auditorium at 7:10 pm for warm-ups and a quick rehearsal. The concert is free and open to families and friends of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students. The length of the concert is approximately one hour.

### AUTHORFEST - APRIL 16

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Authorfest will be Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Twenty authors and illustrators will visit each Winchester public school plus St. Mary's. In addition, the Winchester Public Library will host author Jaime Spencer who will present a program for preschool children at 9:45 am. Founded by school librarians and volunteers more than a decade ago, Authorfest is designed to strengthen children's love of reading and help improve

their writing skills. Presenters visit each grade level, talking about how they write or illustrate a book plus the skills needed to get published. Personal contact with a published author often sparks student enthusiasm and classroom achievement in unexpected ways. Visiting Winchester this year are: Brian Lies, Dan Mahoney, Jeff Nathan, Susan Lubner and Jackie Davies. Classroom visits aren't open to the public but everyone is welcome at the town wide book sale and signing at **Town Hall from 3:00pm – 5:00pm**. Book sale profits will bring more authors and illustrators to Winchester next year. Book Ends website also features a link to purchase Authorfest books, [www.bookendswinchester.com](http://www.bookendswinchester.com). Authorfest is run by volunteers and funded by a generous grant from WFEE; each school's parent association; the EnKa Society plus a grant from the Winchester Arts Council. Authorfest is also strongly supported by Book Ends. For more info contact Ceci Cordeiro at [ceccordeiro@comcast.net](mailto:ceccordeiro@comcast.net) or 781-729-3192. Interested in volunteering? please contact Anita Colasante at [anitacola@yahoo.com](mailto:anitacola@yahoo.com) or 781-775-6500.

### HEALTH OFFICE UPDATE

We have had a few more confirmed cases of the FLU at Lincoln. The outbreak has been sporadic, with a case in each grade, but nonetheless I wanted to update everyone. The FLU is a contagious disease of the respiratory system. It is easily passed from one person to another by coughing, and sneezing. It starts with a sudden fever from 102-104° and may last 3-4 days. Symptoms include headache, severe muscle aches, general weakness, extreme fatigue, dry cough, sore throat and runny nose. Children should take non-aspirin pain relievers such as Tylenol and Ibuprofen, and should never take aspirin as they may develop a rare but serious disease called Reye's syndrome. If you get the FLU, stay at home, rest, and drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration.

There still continues to be a number of cases of Strep throat lingering around Lincoln. Symptoms include sore throat, but

not always, stomachache, and headache may be present. If your child is confirmed with Strep, please notify the health office, and your child may not return to school unless on antibiotics for 24 hrs, as well as without a fever for 24 hrs. Thank you for your cooperation. Lynn Vozzella, RN

### WISH LIST- PLAYGROUND BALLS

We are looking for all sorts of playground balls - tennis balls, bouncy balls, and volleyballs. If you have extras at home to donate - please bring them to office.

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

#### SPRING ACAPELLA FEST!

Saturday, April 4th at 7:30 PM at Winchester Town Hall, featuring the WHS Octets, Chamber Singers, and guest collegiate ensembles the Harvard Veritones (with Octets alum Josh Feblowitz), the MIT Logarithms, and the Skidmore Dynamics (with Octet Alum Alex Greaves). Tickets may be purchased in advance at Book Ends or at the door on the evening of the performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for Senior citizens and children and \$30 for families.

### STAND FOR CHILDREN

Want to learn more about Stand for Children and what is planned for this Spring? Join us on April 8th, 9:30 to 11am in the home of Patty Clewley, 54 Hillcrest Pkwy. For more information, contact Jeanette Kolodziej at [jkolodziej@comcast.net](mailto:jkolodziej@comcast.net).

### SANDLOT SOCCER IS STARTING April 11!! HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD YET?

Sandlot Soccer is the Winchester Soccer Club's program for boys and girls in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ([learn more](#)). If you would like your child to play this spring, please register as soon as possible so the teams can be organized before the season starts. The Sandlot Age Group Coordinators will thank you! Register: <http://wsc.westhost.com/reg.htm>.

### PARENTING BOOK GROUP

Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library is offering a series of four books group discussions focused on a wide range of parenting issues. Our final group discussion of the year will be on April 30, when we will be talking about the profound parenting issues raised in Jodi Picoult's novel about a school shooting, *Nineteen Minutes*. For more information, contact [parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://parenttoparentwinchester.org).

### LOOKING FOR FUN DURING THE SUMMER WEEKS? WHY NOT HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING?

Winchester Public Schools will be offering a **Summer Enrichment Program**. Enrichment courses range from animals and nature to MCAS prep and pod-casting. Courses are offered to all Winchester students and will be taught by Winchester Public School's teachers! For details on courses and registration information, visit our website at: [www.winchester.k12.ma.us](http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us) & click on "Summer Enrichment Program."

### LOOKING FOR A SUMMER PROJECT FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS?

The Wright-Locke Farm Conservancy Board (the Town's steward of what many people know as Hamilton Farm and the U-Pick Raspberry Field) has the answer. To honor Winchester's agricultural past and raise awareness of the importance of preserving the Wright-Locke Farm, the Conservancy is sponsoring a town-wide contest (a Squash-a-Thon!) to see who can grow the heaviest Blue Hubbard squash. This is the squash believed to have been developed in Winchester and stored over the winter months in the Squash House at the Wright-Locke Farm. The rules are simple. Pick up a starter kit for \$2.00, follow the directions, and bring your heaviest squash to the weigh-in at the Farmers' Market on the last Saturday of September. Starter kits—which contain everything you need except water and sunshine—will be available outside the main entrances to the elementary and McCall schools at the close of school on Tuesday, April 28. The kits will also be available at the transfer station on April 25 and May 2 and at Book Ends after mid-April. Questions? [WLFarm@comcast.net](mailto:WLFarm@comcast.net).

### WINCHESTER FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS UP AND RUNNING

By now you should have received a letter from the Winchester Field Development Council (WFDC). The WFDC was formed to support the construction and renovation of valuable field space in Winchester through private funding. The current focus of the WFDC is to raise private funds in support of the Manchester Field Renovation Project and to increase awareness about our mission.

Details and information on the entire project can be found at [www.wfdc.net](http://www.wfdc.net). This project will provide benefits for the entire community of Winchester. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of the Winchester Field Development Council's request for your

support. We are off to a great start and with your help we can and will reach our goals. Paul Manganaro, President, WFDC

### LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

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4/3	4/8	Ludwig
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